



*Embassy of the United States of America*  
American Citizen Services Branch  
24 Grosvenor Square  
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## **REDEMPTION OF UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS ABROAD**

United States Savings Bonds cannot be presented for immediate payment while the owner is abroad. The owner must execute a ***request for payment*** in the presence of a qualified witnessing official and then mail the bonds to an appropriate authority in the United States, as described below. A dollar check will then be mailed to the owner of the bonds.

**EXECUTING A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT AT THE U.S. EMBASSY:** The request for payment on the reverse of each bond may be executed at the U.S. Embassy in the presence of a United States Consular Officer. The Embassy is open for this notarial service from 09:30 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday except Tuesday when closed and on Wednesday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, except on British and American holidays. The owner of the bond must present a passport as evidence of identification. If the applicant is a woman whose name has changed through marriage, the marriage certificate must also be presented. Notarial services in connection with United States Savings Bonds are performed free of charge at this office.

**EXECUTING A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OUTSIDE THE LONDON AREA:** If the applicant for payment resides outside the London area, he/she may execute FORM PD 1522, a special form of detached request for payments of bonds, in the presence of any solicitor or notary public. FORM PD 1522 may be obtained from the address above or downloaded directly from the following link:

<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/NC/FoRMSHome?FormType=SBF>

The FORM PD 1522 should then be mailed to the Legalization Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Old Admiralty Building, The Mall, London SW1A 2LG, for legalization in accordance with the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, October 15, 1981. The fee is £19.00 for each document legalized by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. This may be paid in cash, by check or by postal order made payable to the "Foreign and Commonwealth Office." If the document is to be returned by registered post, an extra £3.00 should accompany the fee. For recorded delivery, a stamped, addressed envelope and a completed recorded delivery form should be submitted.

The Legalization Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is near Charing Cross Station on the Mall. The office is open from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday (Bank holidays excepted), tel: 020-7210-2521/2/3. Recorded information is on 020-7008-1111. Website: [www.fco.gov.uk/legalisation](http://www.fco.gov.uk/legalisation).

If a British bank official rather than a solicitor or notary has witnessed the signatory on the reverse of the Bond incorrectly, or if the bonds themselves are not available, FORM PD 1522 (available from the address above) may be used to request payment, following the directions

above for legalization through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, or the execution of a notarial at the U.S. Embassy.

**SENDING THE BONDS TO THE UNITED STATES:** After the applicant's signature has been witnessed by either of the methods outlined above, the bonds may be forwarded for payment to the United States by either of the methods below. Whichever method is used, it takes approximately three months after application for a dollar check to be received.

- (a) Send the signed and certified bonds to either of these addresses:

Federal Reserve Bank of Pittsburgh  
P.O. Box 867  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Bureau of the Public Debt  
P.O. Box 7012  
Parkersburg, WV 26106-7012

If you require another address, contact the Bureau of the Public Debt (address overleaf).

- (b) Forward through the local branch of a British bank which will forward the bonds through its overseas branch to the correspondent bank in the United States for payment

**TAX INFORMATION:** If the owner of the bonds is a United States citizen, he or she should prepare a signed statement to be sent to the United States with the bonds. This statement should give the owner's passport number, date and place of birth, country of residence, and the name and address of the authority to which taxes are paid.

**If the owner of the bonds is a citizen of a country which has a tax treaty with the U.S.** (Great Britain is such a country), he or she should complete IRS FORM W-8 to claim exemption from the U.S. tax on the interest of the bonds. It should be sent to the United States with the bonds. IRS FORM W-8 is available from this office or can be directly downloaded from: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf#search=%22IRS%20W-8%22> Photostat copies of the form may also be used.

**ADDITIONAL LINKS:**

**Savings Bonds calculator**

[http://www.savingsbonds.gov/indiv/tools/tools\\_savingsbondcalc.htm](http://www.savingsbonds.gov/indiv/tools/tools_savingsbondcalc.htm)

**For further information about bonds in general, contact:**

The Bureau of the Public Debt  
Savings Bonds Operations Office  
P.O. Box 1328  
Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328

***FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION, VISIT THE WEBSITE***

***[www.savingsbonds.gov](http://www.savingsbonds.gov)***